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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
Application No.: 09/300,482
Filed: April 28, 1999
For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
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Inventors: Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*
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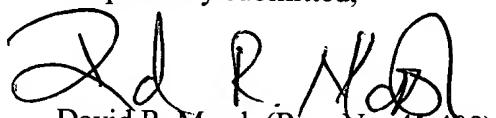
The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO Form-1449 (1 page) with 14 accompanying documents; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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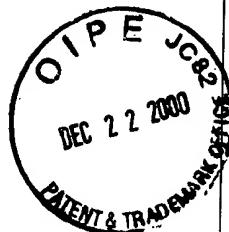
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The attention of the Examiner is invited to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

CERTIFICATION AND/OR FEE

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to issuance of the first action on the merits of the above-captioned application, no certification or fee is required. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 04983.0031.00US01/38-21(15365)B.

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